

A. 3. ~~41~~ 40. (New) The conjugate of Claim 14, wherein the native human protein comprises a transferrin.

Sub B6 ~~42~~ 41. (New) The conjugate of Claim 17, 25 or 26, wherein the aromatic group comprises a phenylene. 18 26 27

~~43~~ 42. (New) The conjugate of Claim 17, 25 or 26, wherein the aromatic group comprises a derivative of phenylene. 18 26 27

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Specification to indicate that the instant application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 08/817,185. This amendment is made pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants have also corrected a typographical error in the Specification. Neither amendment adds new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered.

With this amendment Claims 4, 5 and 14-42 are pending. The claims have been amended, without prejudice, for the purpose of more clearly defining what Applicants regard as the invention. The amendments are fully supported by the Specification and the originally filed claims of the present application. The amended claims conform to the allowed claims of United States Patent Application Serial Number 08/817,185, the parent application of the instant application. Therefore, entry of the amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 6-13 have been canceled, without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more timely filed divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in good and proper order for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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